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1. EMBOFFS INVOLVED IN CODEL VISIT MET WITH SUPREME SOVIET OFFICIALS JUNE 23. FOLLOWING SUBJECTS WERE DISCUSSED.

2 HOTEL ARRANGEMENTS. FOLLOWING PRICES GIVEN FOR ROOMS AT HOTELS IN MOSCOW AND LENINGRAD.

ROSSIYA HOTEL - MOSCOW

2-ROOM, DOUBLE ROOM -- 30 RUBLES PER NIGHT

DOUBLE ROOM -- 20 RUBLES PER NIGHT

SINGLE ROOM 15 RUBLES PER NIGHT

ASTORIA HOTEL - LENINGRAD

DOUBLE ROOM -- 35 RUBLES PER NIGHT

SINGLE ROOM -- 30 RUBLES PER NIGHT

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SOVIETS PLAN TO ASSIGN EACH CODEL CHAIRMAN 2-ROOM, DOUBLE ROOM IN MOSCOW AND EACH OTHER SENATOR A DOUBLE ROOM. PLEASE ADVISE IF THIS SATISFACTORY BEFORE THURSDAY, JUNE 26, WHEN WE WILL VISIT HOTEL WITH SUPREME SOVIET OFFICIALS TO CHECK OUT AND ASSIGN ROOMS. EACH STAFF MEMBER WITH WIFE WILL ALSO BE ASSIGNED DOUBLE ROOM; OTHERS, SINGLE ROOMS. SENATOR LEAHY'S REQUEST FOR DOUBLE BED PASSED ON, BUT SOVIETS THOUGHT THIS COULD PROVE TO BE DIFFICULT AS DOUBLE BEDS PRACTICALLY NON-EXISTENT IN SOVIET HOTELS. THEY WILL DO THEIR BEST.

3. DINNER ON TOP FLOOR OF ROSSIYA HOTEL IS PLANNED AFTER ARRIVAL JUNE 28. MENU WILL BE THE SAME FOR ALL, AS WILL BREAKFAST EACH DAY (FROM 0800 TO 0930). SPECIAL SECTION IN RESTAURANT BEING SET ASIDE FOR CODEL. PLEASE ADVISE IF ANY MEMBERS OF CODEL ARE SUBJECT TO DIETARY RESTRICTIONS - OR HAVE SPECIAL REQUESTS.

4. PROGRAM.

--WE PASSED ON CODEL'S SUGGESTIONS FOR TOURISM SUNDAY, JUNE 29, AND SOVIETS INDICATED THEY WOULD BE FLEXIBLE AND TRY TO MEET ALL CODEL REQUESTS. THEY SAID THEY REALIZED MUCH OF PROGRAM WOULD NOT BE DECIDED UNTIL AFTER ARRIVAL. THEY DID ASK THAT ALL MEMBERS OF CODEL PLAN TO LUNCH SUNDAY AFTERNOON AT APPROXIMATELY 1330 AT TELEVISION TOWER RESTAURANT, SINCE ADVANCE ORDERING IS NECESSARY. THIS WOULD ALSO PULL GROUP TOGETHER FOR WREATH-LAYING AT TOMB OF UNKNOWN SOLDIER AFTER LUNCH. PLEASE ADVISE IF THIS ACCEPTABLE.

-- SOVIETS TOOK CODEL'S SUGGESTIONS ON ORGANIZATION OF OFFICIAL MEETINGS (I.E., PLENARY SESSIONS AND WORKING GROUPS) AND SAID THEY WOULD HAVE TO CHECK WITH THEIR SUPERIORS. THEY WILL BE BACK TO US, BUT WE ANTICIPATE A QUESTION ABOUT SUBJECT MATTER OF "POLITICAL" WORKING GROUP. WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING AS ACCURATELY AS POSSIBLE WHAT CODEL HAS IN MIND IN THIS REGARD SO THAT APPROPRIATE SOVIETS CAN BE SELECTED FOR THE DISCUSSION GROUP.

-- ON LENINGRAD PROGRAM, SOVIETS EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE OF WREATH-LAYING AT PISKAREVSKOYE CEMETERY. APPARENTLY ALL CODEL MEMBERS WOULD NOT NEED TO PARTICIPATE, HOWEVER.
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5. PRESS - TV. PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE TAKEN AS REQUESTED REFTEL C. PRESS CONFERENCE WILL PROBABLY TAKE PLACE AFTER FINAL SESSION ON JULY 2. THERE WILL BE TV AND FILM COVERAGE OF AIRPORT ARRIVAL. SOVIET OFFICIALS THOUGHT TV APPEARANCE BY SENATORS HUMPHREY AND SCOTT WOULD BE ABOUT FIVE MINUTES IN LENGTH, BUT COULD BE LONGER. DETAILS WILL BE WORKED OUT WITH SENATORS AFTER ARRIVAL.

6. INTERPRETERS. THERE WILL BE TWO OFFICIAL SOVIET INTERPRETERS FOR SENATORS AND TWO FOR WIVES. IN ADDITION, NUMBER OF THOSE ACCOMPANYING AND PARTICIPATING IN VISIT SPEAK ENGLISH. SOVIETS WILL ALSO PROVIDE TWO ADDITIONAL ESCORT/ INTERPRETERS FOR WIVES.

7. WIFE PROGRAM. SOVIETS GAVE US FOLLOWING REVISED

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR WIVES:

JUNE 28 ARRIVAL AND DINNER IN HOTEL

JUNE 29 SAME AS CODEL

JUNE 30 1030-1130 - TOUR OF GRAND KREMLIN PALACE WITH CODEL

1130 - APPROX 1300 - VISIT TO KREMLIN ARMORY AND DIAMOND FUND

1345 - OFFICIAL LUNCH HOSTED BY SOVIETS (WITH CODEL)

1600 - VISIT TO A HOSPITAL

1900 - BALLET (WITH CODEL)

JULY 1 0900 - TRIP TO CHURCH CITY OF ZAGORSK WITH LUNCH AT THE MONASTERY (NOTE: DRIVING TIME IS ABOUT 90 MINUTES ONE WAY)

2000 - BUFFET RECEPTION AT SPASO HOUSE

JULY 2 1100 - VISIT TO PIONEER PALACE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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1245 - VISIT TO TRETYAKOV GALLERY. REST OF AFTERNOON FREE WITH DEPARTURE FOR LENINGRAD SCHEDULED FOR 1830

JULY 3 SAME PROGRAM AS CODEL (NOTE: WE PASSED ON REQUEST FOR VISIT TO DAY CARE CENTER AND SOVIETS SAID THEY WOULD WORK IT INTO WIVES' SCHEDULE. THEY ALSO SAID THAT IN SUMMERTIME DAY CARE CENTERS ARE RELOCATED IN MOSCOW SUBURBS. DRIVING TIME WOULD BE ABOUT 30 MINUTES ONE WAY. DRIVING TIME TO PIONEER CAMP WOULD BE ABOUT 45 MINUTES ONE WAY.)

8. SOVIETS GAVE US RATHER LONG LIST OF SUGGESTED INVITEES

FOR SPASO HOUSE BUFFET. WE ARE INVITING APPROXIMATELY 280 GUESTS AND, BASED ON PAST EXPERIENCE, WE WOULD EXPECT BETWEEN 210 AND 230 TO SHOW UP. (NOTE: SPASO HOUSE BUFFET IS AT 20:00.)

9. SOVIETS SAID THEY ASSUMED THERE WOULD BE NO RPT NO COMMUNIQUE ISSUED DURING OR AFTER VISIT. THIS WAS PRACTICE FOLLOWED FOR PONOMAREV VISIT TO U.S. ASSUME THIS IS ACCEPTABLE TO CODEL.

10. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING WHO IN PARTY WILL BE TAKING CARE OF CODEL PASSPORTS AND WHO WILL HANDLE FINANCIAL ASPECTS OF VISIT.
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